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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Re: New United States Continuation in Part Patent Application  
Inventor(s): Ducellier et al.  
Title: OPTICAL SWITCH  
Our File: 10-422 US CIP

This is a Request for filing of a new CIP patent application of U.S. Serial No: **09/988,538** filed **November 20, 2001**, in the United States. Enclosed are:

1. Assignment and Assignment Cover Page;
2. Declaration signed by the Inventor(s);
3. 19 pages of specification, including:  
20 claims, 3 being independent; Abstract of the Disclosure;
4. Formal drawings including figures 1 to 9 (11 pages of figures);
5. Certified copies of the priority documents
6. Information Disclosure Statement and references;

The suggested drawing figure to be published is Fig. 7

Convention priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 with respect to Canadian Patent Appln. Nos: **2,326,362** filed **November 20, 2000**; **2,327,862** filed **December 6, 2000**; and **2,328,759** filed **December 19, 2000**.

The following fees are payable:

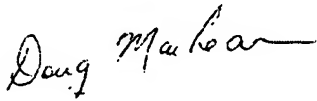
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Enclosed is a self-addressed return postcard to indicate receipt of application by the USPTO.

**Please associate this application with Customer No: 24949.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug MacLean". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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